

KIM CHI-HA IS A POET WITH A SERIOUS GIFT OF METAPHOR,
AND A CLEAR EYE.

HIS SENSE OF REVOLUTION IS RELIGIOUS AND DEMOCRATIC.

HIS COMPREHENSION OF SOCIAL CHANGE AS EMBODIED IN HIS
CONCEPT OF THE "CURSE*" IS PROFOUND.

IT IS A MEASURE OF THE TYRANNY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH
KOREA THAT SUCH A POET AND DEMOCRAT HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR
COMMUNISM AND IS AT PRESENT UNDER POSSIBLE SENTENCE OF
DEATH. WHAT A SURPRISE TO THE WORLD IF THE GOVERNMENT
OF SOUTH KOREA WOULD EXHIBIT SOME EVIDENCE THAT IT HAS
LEARNED THE LESSON OF SOUTH VIETNAM. WHAT A MIRACLE IF
MY OWN COUNTRY HAS LEARNED THE SAME LESSON, AND BRINGS
PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH KOREA TO RELEASE
KIM CHI-HA.

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*A METAPHOR⁰ KIM CHI-HA USES TO DESCRIBE "THE WEIGHT OF
AWARENESS, COUPLED WITH THE MANDATE TO ACT ON THAT AWARENESS."
ED.